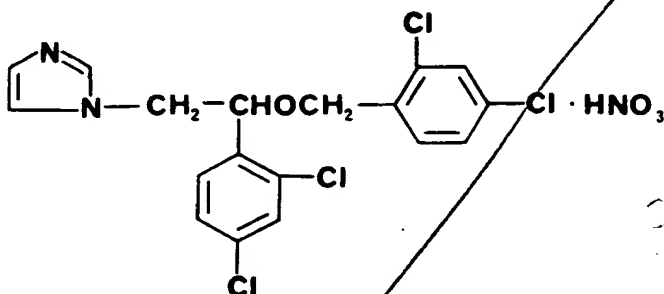


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A skin care composition comprising as the active components

(a) miconazole nitrate of the formula



and

(b) zinc oxide;

wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of from about 1:40 to about 1:1900.

2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of about 1:40 to about 1:333.

3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of about 1:60 to about 1:1900.

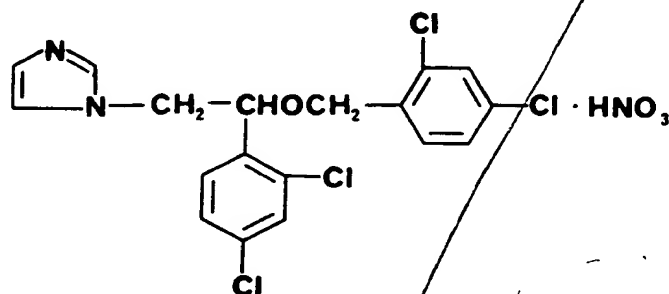
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of about 1:60.

claim 3

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5. A method for treating acute inflammatory skin conditions comprising applying to the affected skin area a composition containing an antimicrobially effective amount of

(a) miconazole nitrate of the formula



and

(b) zinc oxide;

wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of from about 1:40 to about 1:1900.

~~4~~³. The method of Claim ~~5~~³ wherein the miconazole nitrate and zinc oxide are present in a ratio of about 1:60.